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Remarks

The Office Action mailed June 12, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter.

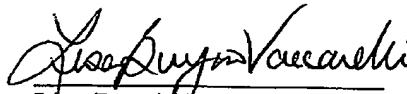
Claims 16 and 24 are indicated as allowable. Claims 5, 11, and 20 have been indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 13 is indicated allowable if the specified limitation is included. The examiner is thanked for indicating these claims allowable.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 11 and 20, respectively. Claims 11 and 20 are canceled. Claim 13 has been amended to include the limitation as suggested by the Examiner.

Accordingly, as indicated by the Examiner, claims 1 and 12 are in condition for allowance. Claims 2-10 and 22 depend from claim 1. Consequently, since claim 1 defines allowable subject matter, claims 2-10 and 22 which depend from claim 1 define allowable subject matter. Similarly, claims 14, 15, 17-19, and 23 depend from claim 12. Consequently, since claim 12 defines allowable subject matter, claims 14, 15, 17-19, and 23 which depend from claim 12 define allowable subject matter. Moreover, since claim 13 defines allowable subject matter, claim 21 which depends from claim 13 defines allowable subject matter.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define allowable subject matter. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,


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